DEADLINE SUMMONER
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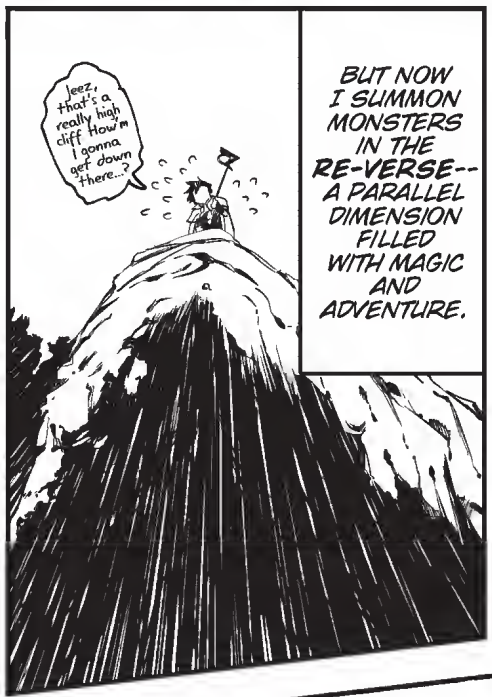
ONE OF THOSE DIME-A-DOZEN "DOWN-THE-RABBIT-HOLE" FANTASIES.
THIS IS THE STORY OF HOW I WAS SUDDENLY WHISKED AWAY FROM MY BORING EVERYDAY LIFE AND FLUNG INTO A WHOLE DIFFERENT WORLD.
AND IS ALWAYS SURROUNDED BY CUTE GIRLS.
Manuscript Copy of the Necronomicon
THE KIND OF STORY WHERE THE PROTAGONIST GETS TO LIVE IT UP AS THE STAR OF THE SHOW...
TO AN OTAKU LIKE ME, THAT USED TO SOUND LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE.

MY NAME IS ONODERA MAMORU. I'M JUST YOUR AVERAGE VIDEO-GAME-LOVING HIGH SCHOOL BOY.
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
BUT NOW IT'S JUST PLAIN OLD GRITTY REALISM.
TOTALLY
BATTERED
F-finally... a town...

THAT SAID, I CAN'T POSSIBLY BE EXPECTED TO LIVE SOMEWHERE THAT DOESN'T EVEN HAVE THE FREAKING INTERNET...
JOLT
MAMORU!!


Jeez, that's a really high cliff. How'm I gonna get down there...?
BUT NOW I SUMMON MONSTERS IN THE RE-VERSE-- A PARALLEL DIMENSION FILLED WITH MAGIC AND ADVENTURE.

YOINK
YOWW?!
SO YEAH, I'M TRYING TO GET BACK TO MY ORIGINAL WORLD... PREFERABLY IN ONE PIECE.

FLOOF
OR AT LEAST THAT WAS THE PLAN

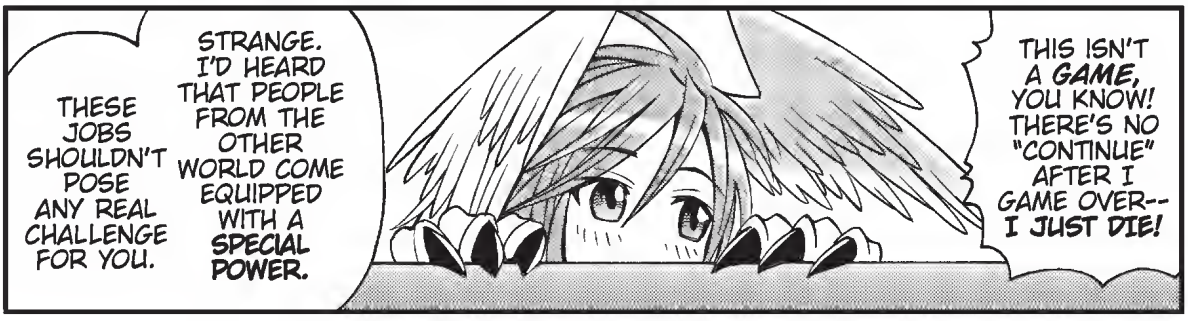
AND... WELL... YOU CAN SEE THE RESULTS FOR YOURSELF!!

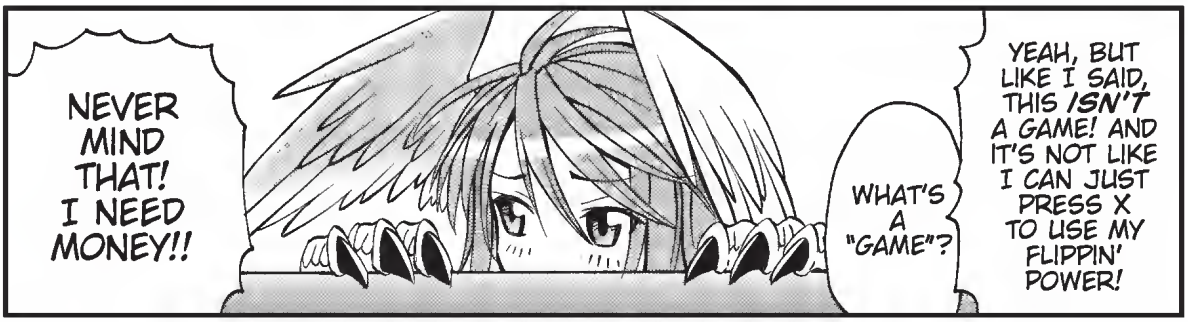
SUMMON: AERO THE HARPY.
I-I'M SCARED OF HEIGHTS !!
I-I'M GONNA FALL!
RELAX, YOU'RE PERFECT-LY SAFE.
UNLIKE A VIDEO GAME CHARACTER, SHE WON'T JUST DO WHATEVER I ASK. WELCOME TO MY NEW REALITY.
?
HUH? MAMO-RU?
THIS ISN'T AN EPIC FANTASY-- IT'S AN EPIC FAIL...!!
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRACK
OOH! LOOK OVER THERE, MAMORU!
POINT
.....?

Summoner's Guild
SORRY, BUT IT LOOKS AS THOUGH...

WHAAA?!
WE HAVE NO JOBS MATCHING YOUR CRITERIA.
NOW, LOOK...
C-CAN'T YOU LOOK AGAIN?!
MAYBE YOU MISSED ONE...!
TIPS NEEDED
We have received reports that the rogue mystic known as "Deadline Summoner" has been spotted in the neighboring towns. Please report any suspicious persons to the Summoner's Guild
The Summoner's Guild: An organization of summoners created to resolve hard cases. The Guild also acts as an intermediary, bringing summoners a variety of jobs.
NOW, IF YOU'RE JUST LOOKING FOR QUICK, HIGH-PROFIT JOBS, WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF THOSE, OKAY?
LIKE EXTERMINATING THE EARTH DRAGON IN ITS BOTTOMLESS CAVE.
OR HOW ABOUT DEFEATING A BAND OF GOBLIN THIEVES DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS OF DEATH?
UGH...
DID YOU REALLY THINK I'D FIND YOU JOBS THAT ARE SAFE, HIGH-PROFIT, AND CAN BE RESOLVED IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME?

SCREW THOSE DANGER-OUS JOBS!!
BAM!
AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A SUMMONER.


THIS ISN'T A GAME, YOU KNOW! THERE'S NO "CONTINUE" AFTER I GAME OVER-- I JUST DIE!
STRANGE. I'D HEARD THAT PEOPLE FROM THE OTHER WORLD COME EQUIPPED WITH A SPECIAL POWER.
THESE JOBS SHOULDN'T POSE ANY REAL CHALLENGE FOR YOU.


YEAH, BUT LIKE I SAID, THIS ISN'T A GAME! AND IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN JUST PRESS X TO USE MY FLIPPIN' POWER!
WHAT'S A "GAME"?
NEVER MIND THAT! I NEED MONEY!!

AND WHY DO YOU NEED MONEY SO DESPER-ATELY?
BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU, YOU CAN'T BE TOO STRAPPED FOR CASH, RIGHT?
YEEAH, ABOUT THAT--
BW-AH?!
GLOMP
MAMO-RUUUUU~! ♪

WHY DO YOU NEED MONEY?
Koff!
HUH?
WELL... FOR ONE THING, YOU EAT A TON.
WHY DO YOU NEED MONEY TO EAT?
WELL, OBVIOUSLY YOU NEED MONEY TO BUY FOOD...
WHY DOES FOOD COST MONEY?
TELL ME! WHY IS IT?
WAIT A SEC! I'VE ALREADY EXPLAINED THIS TO YOU!
GWAAAAH!!
YOU BIRDBRAIN! YOU FORGET ANYTHING YOU'VE BEEN TOLD AFTER YOU TAKE THREE STEPS!
LOOK, I JUST NEED MONEY!
IF WE DON'T GET ANY, WE CAN'T STAY AT AN INN!
WHAAAAA?!

FU-WHUD
DWAH?!
BUT THAT MEANS WE CAN'T MATE!!
AND I'VE BEEN SO PATIENT ALL THIS TIME, BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T DO IT WITH ME OUT IN THE WILDERNESS!
SPLOO!
BUT NOW THAT WE'RE IN A TOWN, WE CAN GET BACK IN BUSINESS, RIGHT? ♡
NO FRICKIN' WAY!!
YOU KNOW WE'VE NEVER BEEN "IN BUSINESS"!
So don't give me that crap, okay?!!
He boinks his own summon...?
What's he doing to that poor little girl?
Whispers
Whispers

UGH! WHY DO MONSTER GIRLS ALWAYS HAVE TO PULL CRAP LIKE THIS?!
I LIKE GIRLS WHO ARE SWEET AND INNOCENT!
MATE!
MATE!
WHY CAN'T I JUST GET A NORMAL GIRL TO LIKE ME?!
MATE!

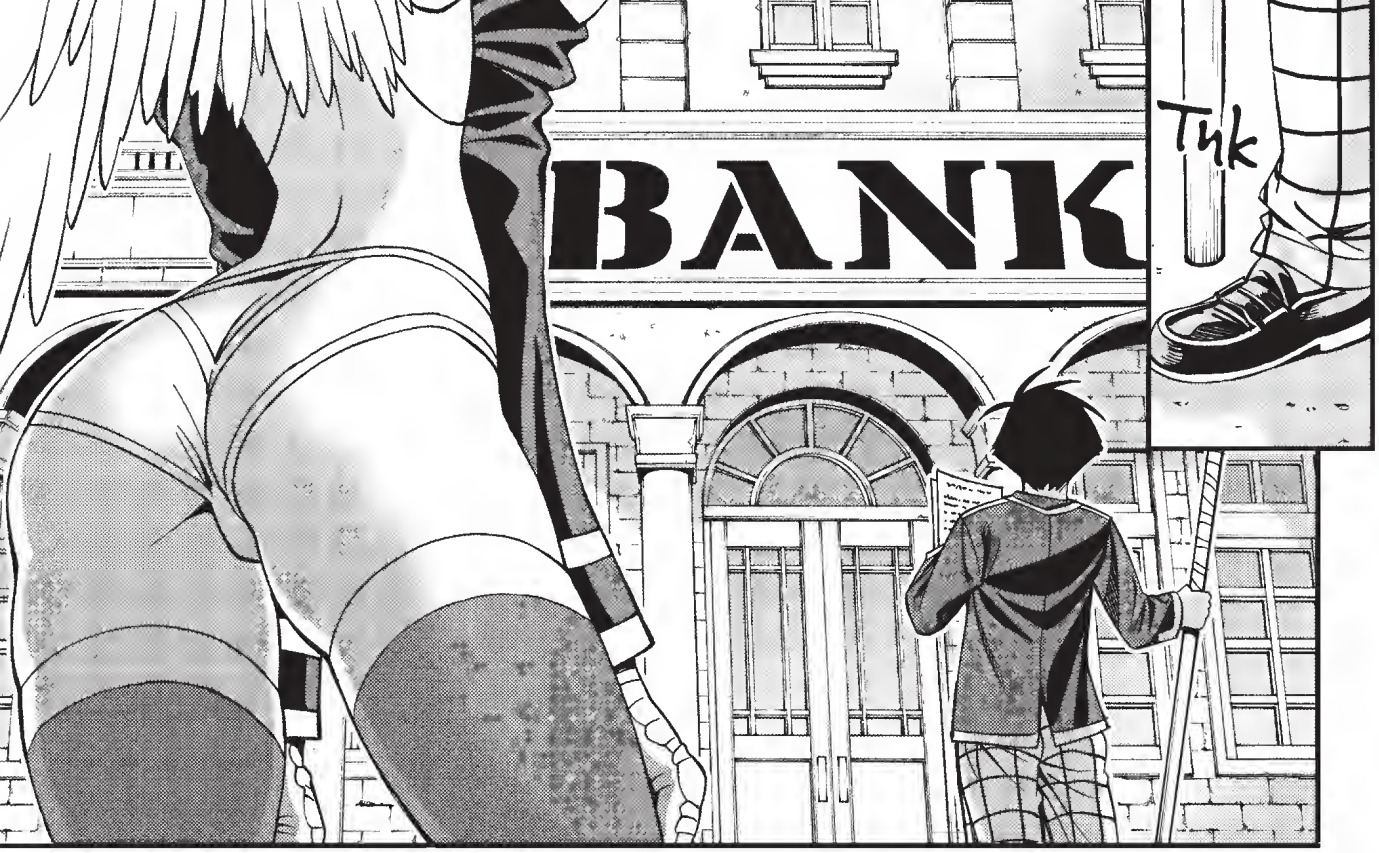
WHO COULD POSSIBLY BE ATTRACTED TO THAT SAD, COBBLED-TOGETHER EXCUSE FOR A GIRL?
EVEN THAT PITIFUL SCREW-UP OF A SUMMONER'S GOTTA SEE IT!
TWITCH
WOULD YOU DO IT WITH THAT?
WITH THAT MONSTER? YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
NO MOKING
MATE,
Just keep your hot pants on already!
MATE,

SUKA
KA
KA
KA
KA
KA
KA
KAA!!
SHRUUNN
GWAH?!

WAAA AAAA AAAA AH?!
That's what you're upset over?!
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A "SCREW-UP"?!
Apologize to Mamoru this instant!!
FLROOF
C-CUT IT OUT, AERO!!
ZOOM
STOP RUNNING AWAY, DARN IT!!
Our papers!
FWOOSH
DUCK AND COVER!
HEY, MAN, SHE'S YOUR SUMMON!
Y-YOU GOTTA DO SOME-THING!!
!!
!
Tromp
Tromp
Tromp
Tromp

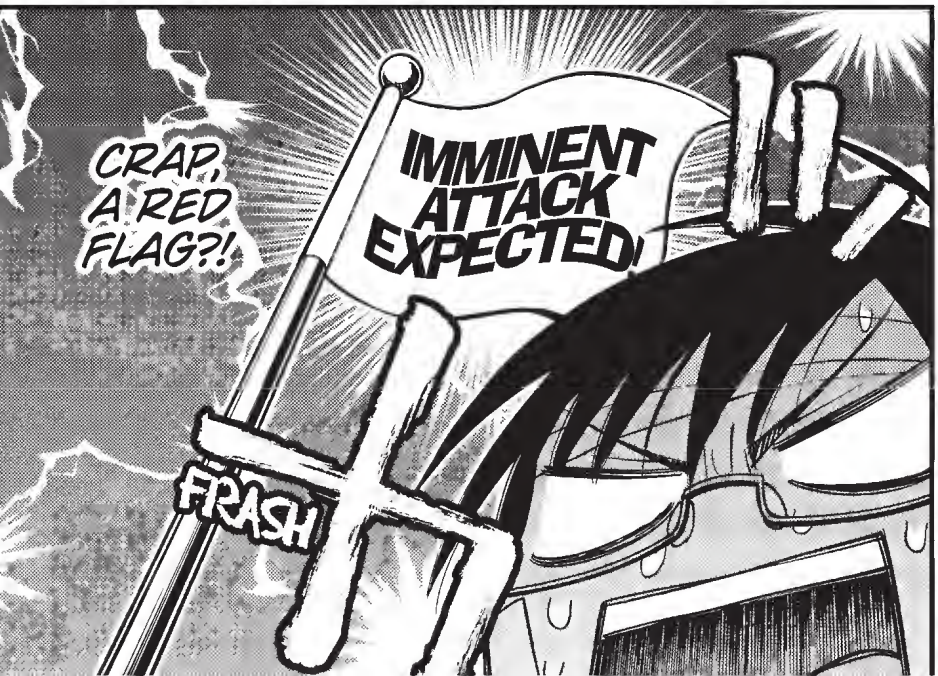
HUH ...?
WHIRL
.....
GLARE
WHA ?!
FREEZE
ぐ!!

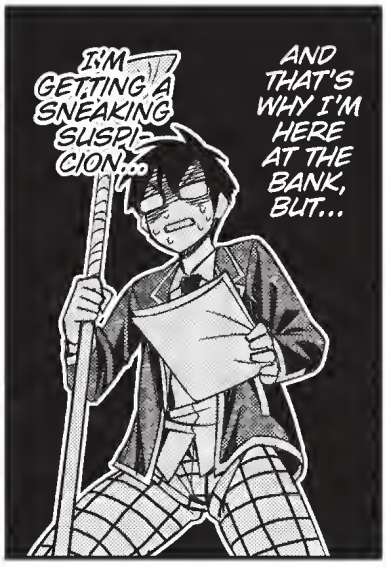
KA-
WHAAM
GYAAAAAAA!!
THE HELL?! THIS GUY'S A TOTAL WUSS!
LOSER SUMMONERS LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T BE GETTING COCKY!
.....?
UMM...
Oh crap! I for-got!
You leave Mamo-ru alone !!
.....
YOU PULLED YOUR PUNCH AT THE LAST MINUTE, DIDN'T YOU?
WHY WOULD YOU GIVE HIM THAT KIND OF AN OPEN-ING...?
?
"STRATEGIC USE OF HP"?
LET'S JUST CALL IT A STRATEGIC USE OF... HP...
flump
Ow ow ow ow ow!

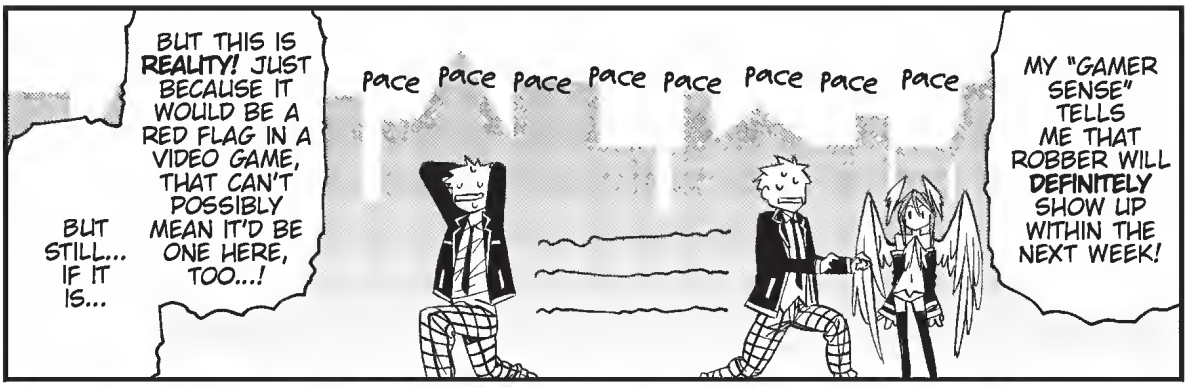

BANK
Tnk

THIS JOB SHOULD BE JUST WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, AS LONG AS THE BANK ROBBER DOESN'T SHOW UP DURING YOUR ASSIGNED WATCH!
Here's the info sheet.

IT'S THE STRANGEST THING, BUT THERE'RE RUMORS THAT A WANTED CRIMINAL IS PLOTTING TO ROB THE PLACE!
OH, RIGHT! THIS BANK IS LOOKING FOR A GUARD!


CRAP, A RED FLAG?!
IMMINENT ATTACK EXPECTED!
FRASH


I'M GETTING A SNEAKING SUSPICION...
AND THAT'S WHY I'M HERE AT THE BANK, BUT...


BUT THIS IS **REALITY!** JUST BECAUSE IT WOULD BE A RED FLAG IN A VIDEO GAME, THAT CAN'T POSSIBLY MEAN IT'D BE ONE HERE, TOO...!
BUT STILL... IF IT IS...
Pace Pace Pace Pace Pace Pace Pace Pace
MY "GAMER SENSE" TELLS ME THAT ROBBER WILL **DEFINITELY** SHOW UP WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK!

I-I'M THINKING MAYBE I'LL JUST GO BACK AND LOOK FOR A SAFER JOB...
THIS GUY *REALLY* LOOKS LIKE BAD NEWS...!

A-A BANK IS A PLACE THAT HAS LOTS OF MONEY!
FOR REALS ?!
Yes, now get off me!

FLAP
THEN I'LL GO PAY IT A VISIT!

SUPER
SAY, MAMORU! WHAT'S A ***BANK*?!**
HEY! GET YOUR FACE OUTTA MY FACE! AND DON'T JUMP ON ME, AERO!!
GLOMP

I'M GONNA GO PATROL THE PLACE!!
TH-PLOMP
MPF ?!
WAIT UP, AERO!
GRAB
PLEASE TELL ME YOU'RE NOT PLANNING ON ROBBING THE BANK?!
SHEESH. OF COURSE NOT!
HUH ...?
THAT WAY I CAN HELP US MAKE SOME MONEY.
PLUS, THAT'LL KEEP YOU SAFE, RIGHT, MAMORU?
SO JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!!
PWAH!

I'D DO ANYTHING FOR YOU!!
BA-DUMP
.....
HAH!
WAIT A SEC, AERO... WITH YOU BEING MY SUMMON, ARE YOU EVEN ABLE TO DO STUFF IF YOU'RE NOT NEAR ME...?
HUH?
?
H-HOLD THE PHONE! DID MY HEART JUST GO "BA-DUMP"?!
COOL YOUR JETS, MAMORU! SHE'S NOT EVEN HUMAN!
SWEAT SWEAT SWEAT SWEAT

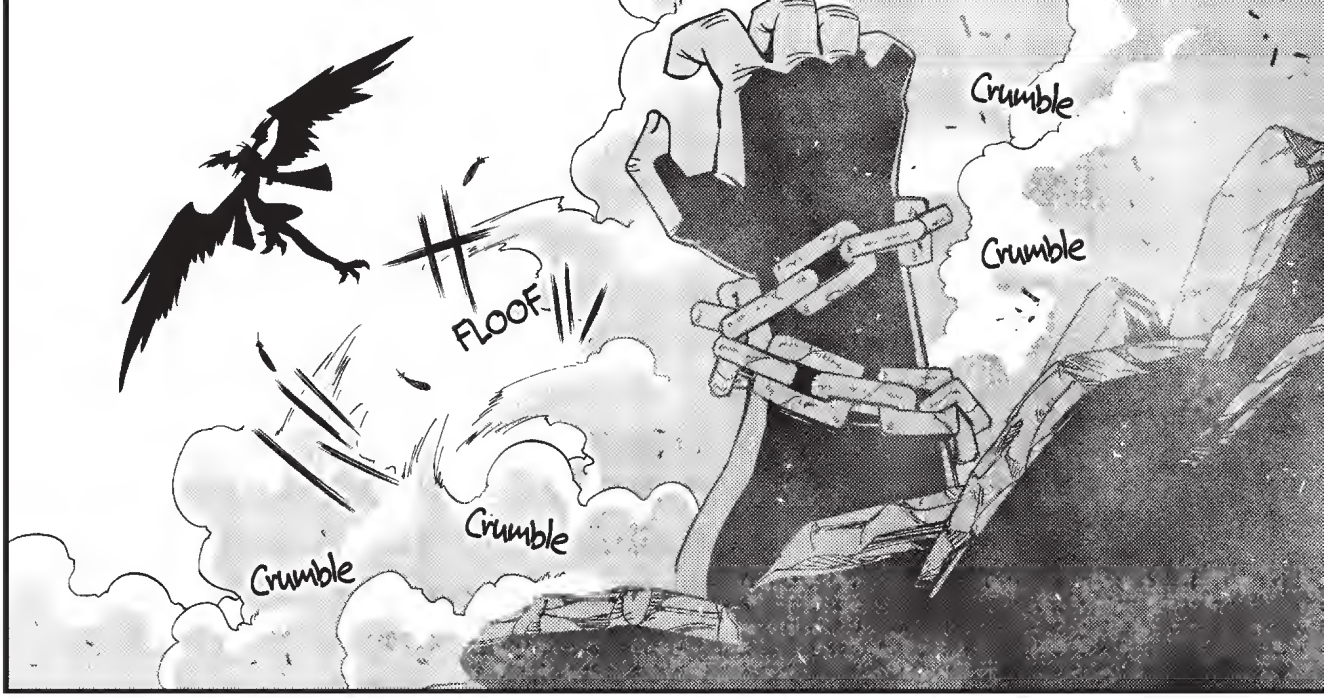
KRICK
I'm telling you, all the red flags are going up!!
I KNOW THIS SCENARIO--THE ROBBER'S TOTALLY ALREADY BESIEGED THE BANK!
BANK
?
PLUS! THIS REALLY ISN'T A GOOD TIME TO GO PATROLLING!
THR-
PWAH!
KROOM
THUD
AHH!♡
crumble
THUD
crumble
THUD

THUUUD
Crumble
Crumble
Crumble
Crumble
HEY! IT'S THAT GUY!
WANTED
AAAND THERE GOES HER LAST BRAIN CELL!!
WELL, WHAT HAVE WE HERE? A HARPY AND HER SUMMONER?
YOU TRYIN' TO ARREST ME, SUGAR-TITS?
OH, GIRL-FRIEND. DO NOT TELL ME THAT A HEAP OF CHICKEN BONES LIKE YOU CAN FIGHT?
FLAAP
SAY THAT AGAIN! I DARE YA!
HEY! AERO!

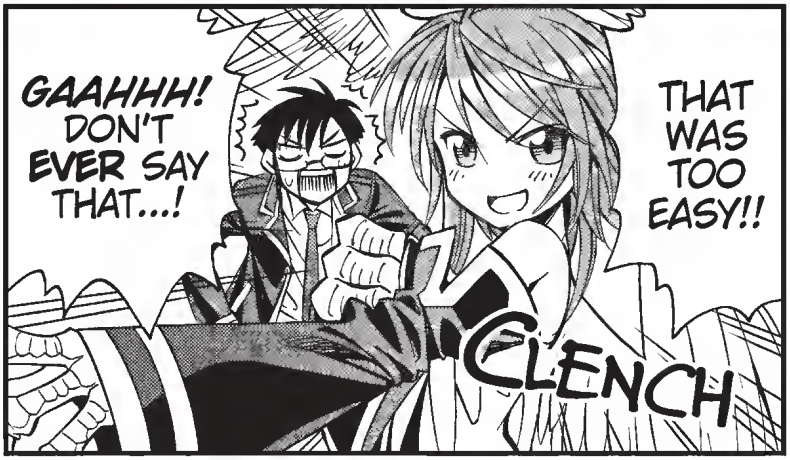
WE'LL PAY YOU ANYTHING YOU ASK!!
MR. SUMMONER! PLEASE STOP HIM!!
SAY YOUR PRAYERS, WANTED MAN! I'M GONNA KICK YOUR ASS AND EARN SOME CASH!!
AND THEN I'M GONNA MATE WITH MO--
WAAH!
Don't say that! Don't say that!!
I KNEW IT WOULD COME TO THIS!!
SHROOF!
WHOA!
LET'S DANCE!!

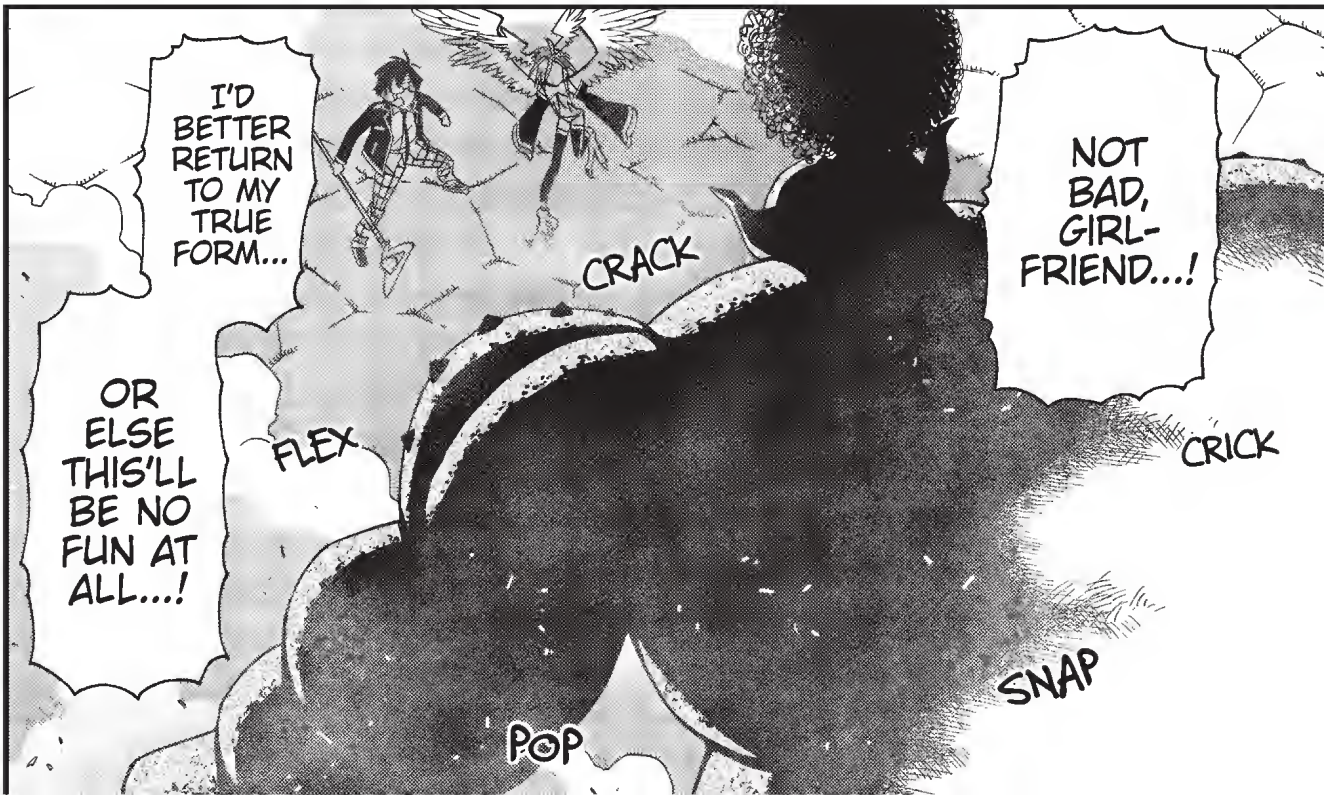
KLUNG
OHHH SNAP!
HYROOSH
TAKE THIS !!
THR-
KRUUM

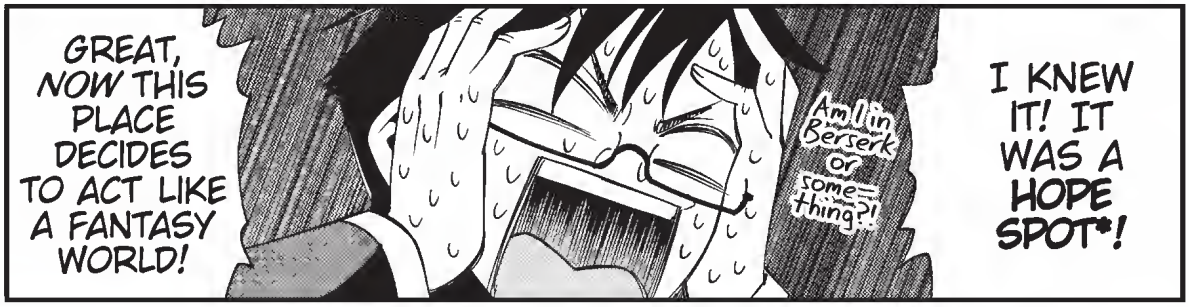
WIND ARTS!
SHRIKE DIVE!!
FRA-DOOM


Crumble
Crumble
FLOOF
Crumble
Crumble

HREH...
HE HE HEEH...!
HE HE...


GAAHHH! DON'T EVER SAY THAT...!
THAT WAS TOO EASY!!
CLENCH

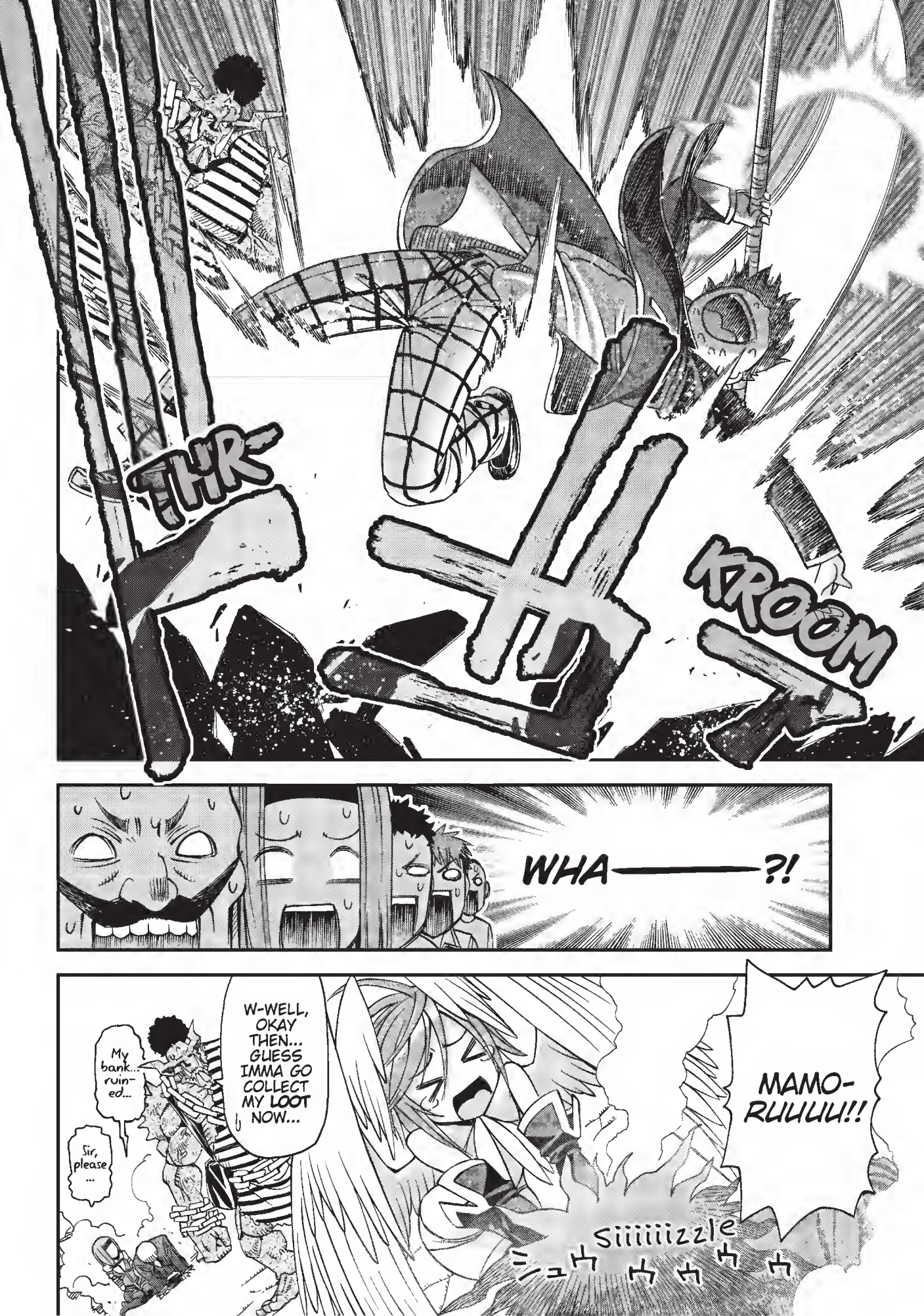

I'D BETTER RETURN TO MY TRUE FORM...
OR ELSE THIS'LL BE NO FUN AT ALL...!
CRACK
FLEX
NOT BAD, GIRL-FRIEND...!
CRICK
SNAP
POP



A hope spot is a point where a gamer believes they've finally beaten the boss, only to have that boss rise up stronger than ever.

AERO!!
USE SHRIKE DIVE ONE MORE TIME!!
IT'S ALL RIGHT! THIS'LL WORK!!
HUH?! BUT, MAMO-RU...!!
I'M GONNA SQUEEZE YOU INTO CHICKEN BROTH, GIRL-FRIEND!!
BRRRING IIIIT!
OH, AS IF?!
THAT ATTACK'S NOT GONNA WORK ON ME ANYMORE, SUGAR-TITS!

HERE I GO, MAMO-RU!!
FLOOSH
DASH
HM?!
?!
WHAT IN THE RE-VERSE IS THAT SUM-MONER DOING?!
COULD HE BE GOING IN FOR A JOINT ATTACK ?!


THR-
KROOM
WHA——?!
MAMO-RUUUU!!
Siiiiiizzle
シュウウウウ
W-WELL, OKAY THEN... GUESS IMMA GO COLLECT MY LOOT NOW...
My bank... ruin-ed...
Sir, please...

FLASH
KIIIII
D-DAMMIT! IT *REALLY* SUCKS TO HAVE A SUPERPOWER THAT *ONLY* GOES OFF...
WHEN I'M ON THE BRINK OF **DEATH**...!!
HP CRITICAL ATTACKS ARE HARD ENOUGH TO USE IN GAMES, NEVER MIND REAL LIFE...!!

From the other side I return!! Behold my power, having crossed the line from death back into life!!
ADRENALINE RUSH!!
Endless
Half
Half
Corpse
Plant
Night
Ocean
Snake
Steed
Bird

T-TEN SUMMON-ING CIRCLES ...?!
I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS KIND OF POWER...
COULD HE BE...?!
HE CAN CALL FORTH MULTIPLE SUMMONS AT ONCE?!
LET'S DO THIS!!

DECUPLE
ASSAULT!!

I'VE HEARD TALES...
OF A SUMMONER WHOSE STRENGTH INCREASES EACH TIME HE BEATS THE REAPER.
THIS MAN MUST BE...
SS
SS
SS

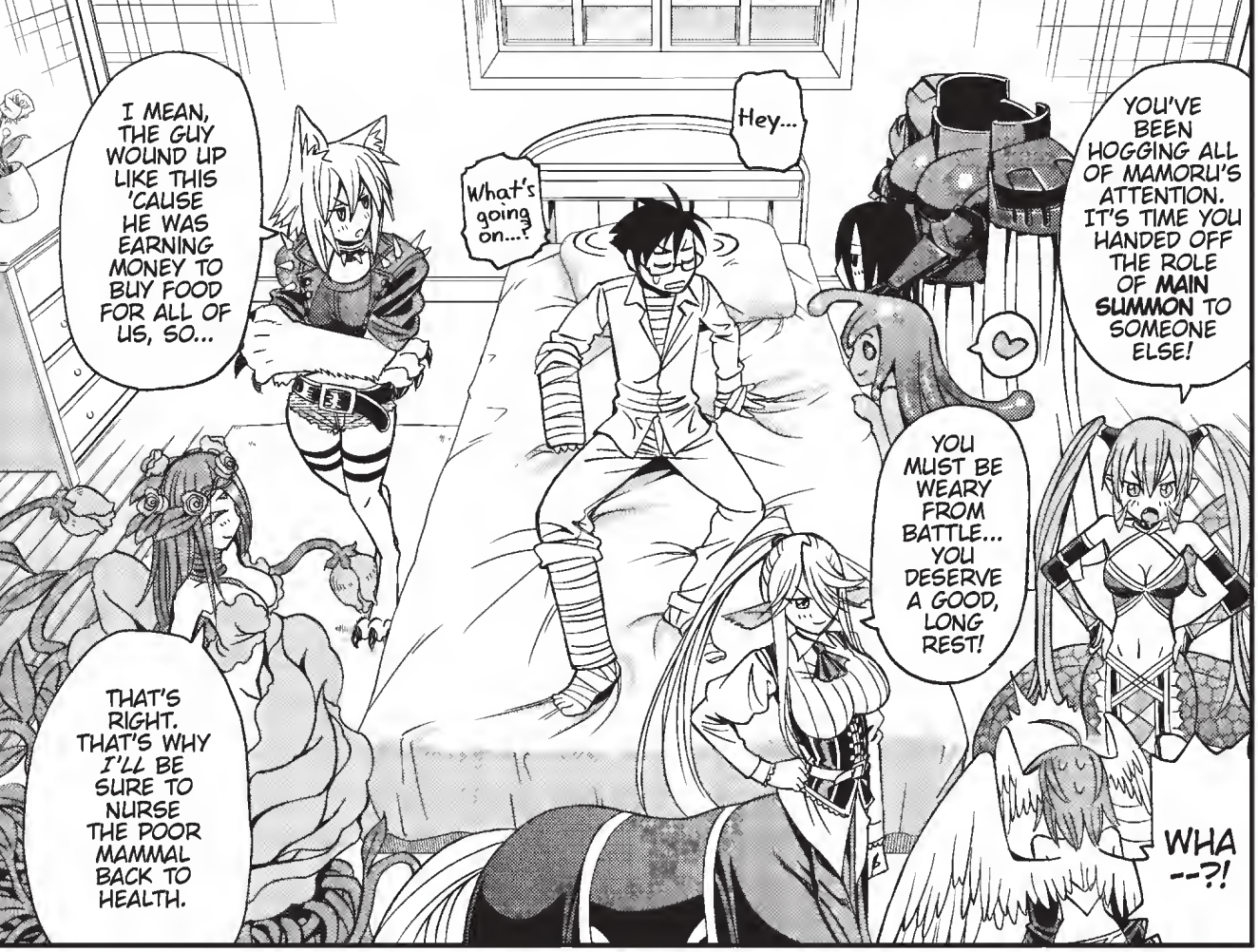
DEADLINE SUMMONER!!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MAMORU?! TELL ME WHERE IT HURTS!!
GLUUUTCH
MY HAND HURTS-- BECAUSE YOU'RE FRICKIN' SQUEEZ-ING IT!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY HEALING MAGIC?! THIS IS A FANTASY WORLD, AFTER ALL!!

OWW!
OWOWOWOW!!
HOSPITAL

HUH?
THANK YOU, MAMÓ-RU!
THANK YOU FOR USING YOUR POWER TO HELP ME...
SHEESH! WHAT GIVES WITH THIS STUPID SUPER-POWER?!
IF I WANT TO USE IT, I HAVE TO KEEP GRINDING DOWN MY OWN DAMN HP!
SO, THANKS!
YOU'RE SO KIND, EVEN TO A MONSTER LIKE ME... THAT'S WHY I LOVE YOU, MAMORU!!
OH, THAT? NAH, I JUST DIDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE...
YOU USED IT BECAUSE YOU KNEW I WAS IN TROUBLE, DIDN'T YOU?
WELL, YEAH. I SUPPOSE TECH-NICALLY YOU COULD SAY THAT, BUT--
THAT'S ALL I NEED TO HEAR!
.....
SINCE IT'S MY FAULT THAT YOU GOT HURT, I'LL NURSE YOU BACK TO HEALTH!
GWAH?!
WHUMP

OR WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE ME *PLAY* NURSE?
WHAT THE --?!
Y-YOU KNOW I CAN'T **MOVE** IN THIS CONDITION, RIGHT?!
THAT'S FINE! I'LL DO **ALL** THE MOVING FOR YOU!
IT'S MY FIRST TIME, BUT I'M SURE I'LL FIGURE IT OUT!
THUD
WHAT THE HECK, AERO?!
'TIS **COWARDLY** TO ATTACK A HELP-LESS FOE!!
FLINCH
BWAM


I MEAN, THE GUY WOUND UP LIKE THIS 'CAUSE HE WAS EARNING MONEY TO BUY FOOD FOR ALL OF US, SO...
What's going on...?
Hey...
YOU'VE BEEN HOGGING ALL OF MAMORU'S ATTENTION. IT'S TIME YOU HANDED OFF THE ROLE OF MAIN SUMMON TO SOMEONE ELSE!
YOU MUST BE WEARY FROM BATTLE... YOU DESERVE A GOOD, LONG REST!
THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S WHY I'LL BE SURE TO NURSE THE POOR MAMMAL BACK TO HEALTH.
WHA--?!

MY, MY. SHOULDN'T SOMEONE WITH AN ITSY-BITSY BIT MORE WORLDLY EXPERIENCE HANDLE THIS?
ACTUALLY, IT WOULD MAKE THE MOST SENSE IF I WERE TO TREAT MASTER.
I SUPPOSE THERE'S SIMPLY NO CHOICE. I SHALL PERSONALLY BIND THY WOUNDS.
むー
SQUEEZE
ゆ

RESTRAIN THYSELF! YOU WILL ONLY HARM HIM FURTHER!!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO BUTT OUT!
SQUIIISH
ゆうう
WHAT DID I SAY ABOUT COWARDLY ATTACKS?!
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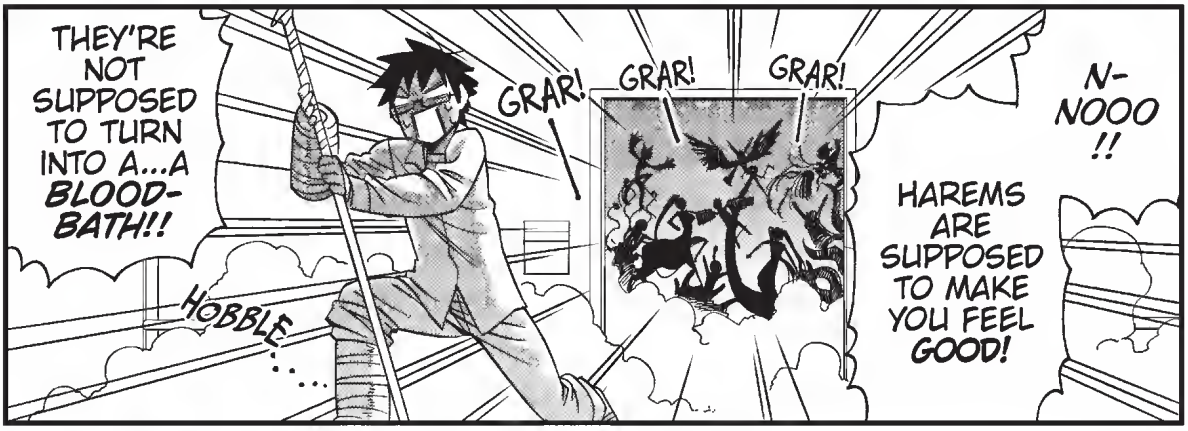
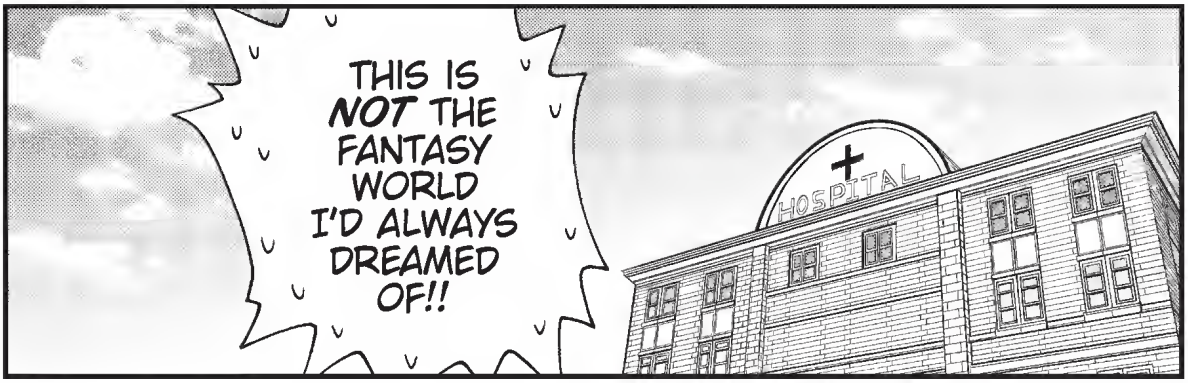
BWAH!
BRZZZT


THEY'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO TURN INTO A...A BLOOD-BATH!!
GRAR!
GRAR!
GRAR!
HOBBLE...
N-NOOO!!
HAREMS ARE SUPPOSED TO MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD!


THIS IS NOT THE FANTASY WORLD I'D ALWAYS DREAMED OF!!
HOSPITAL

THE END

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